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TO THE MAYOR AND CORPORATION, BOROUGH OF LOSTWITHIEL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1941.

It is satisfactory to be able to report that the general health of the Borough has been remarkably good in spite of the war-time restrictions and commitments which have upset individual routine for many. There are still however some who manage to carry on in their usual complacent manner regardless of the fact that the existence of the Empire is at stake.

The controlling of our diet, has with very few exceptions, done more good than harm and has convinced many of us that we, in happier times, overloaded our systems. Such restrictions have of course irked the "live to eat" fraternity.

War brings to many loss, anxiety and suspense but it also brings a feeling of satisfaction to those who are pulling their weight in this sorry scheme of things when, at the end of a day of labour for others they can feel that they have earned the "well done" commendation. Some creaking doors have ceased to creak and taken on a new and more vigorous lease of life.

That the younger generation in the area continue to follow the social amenities available in no half-hearted manner as all to the good from the Psychological point of view when such do not clash with their physical well being.

The unaccompanied evacuee population has reduced from 396 at the beginning of the year to 183 at the end.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area:	3050 acres.
Population:	2490.
Number of Inhabited Houses	670.
Rateable Value:	£ 8894.
Sum represented by a ld.	
Rate.	£ 37. 1. 2d.

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(Legitimate:	24.	13.	
<u>Live Births</u> (<u>Total</u> 41.
(Illegitimate	2.	1.	

Birth Rate per 1000 -	13. 6.	
<u>Stillbirths</u> .- Legitimate	1.	<u>Total</u> 1.
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	-1M.	

<u>Deaths</u> .	13.	16.	<u>Total</u> 29.
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Death Rate per 1000 - 11.6.

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

During the year 235 inspections were made of the Council's Water Supplies.

During the summer and autumn a number of high level houses and a school were for considerable periods without a continuous supply of water. The difficulties at the school were to a great extent overcome by the installation of a storage tank and the operation of sluice valves on the Council's watermains, a new sluice valve being inserted in the mains for this purpose. The Council reviewed the whole of the water situation and instructed their Surveyor to prepare a subsidiary water scheme. A report of the water situation was submitted to the Ministry of Health but permission to proceed with the scheme was refused the

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Minister being of the opinion that although being satisfied that a new scheme of water supply should be carried out after the present emergency, the work was not at present justified.

The water difficulties were considerably accentuated by the increased consumption at the Milk Company, the average being 9000 gallons a day. During the summer months the consumption was much above the average being at times between 12,000 and 14,000 gallons a day. This means that the rate-payers living on the higher levels of the town will have to put up with the inconvenience of an intermittent water supply until such time as a new scheme comes into operation. It is of course essential that the Milk Company should have an adequate supply of water but whether it is right that by so doing the ratepayers have to go short is a moot point.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA:- 58 inspections of general nuisances have been made all of which were remedied without resort to statutory action.

SCHOOLS:- The sanitary condition of the Council School is satisfactory. The sanitary condition at the endowed Church of England School at Downend leaves much to be desired and should be reviewed at the termination of the present emergency.

SECTION D.
HOUSING.

Owing to the war, little action has been taken under the Housing Acts. 44 inspections have been made, 4 cases of overcrowding remedied and minor repairs effected to two working class cottages.

SECTION E.
INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK:- 42 inspections of Dairies and Cowsheds have been made. It has not been found necessary to take any proceedings under the Food and Drugs Act.

MEAT:- A considerable amount of the Sanitary Inspector's time has been taken up by meat inspection at one of the Ministry of Food slaughter-houses and this was added to by the area being prescribed for a period as the result of an outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>
No. Inspected	278.	7291	2834.
Whole carcasses condemned.	2.	15.	10.
Some part or organ condemned.	2.	428.	315.
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY.</u>			
Whole carcase condemned.	nil.	nil.	17.
Some part or organ condemned	nil.	nil.	nil.

It is obvious from the above figures that too much of the Sanitary Inspector's time is absorbed by the Ministry of Food, and as a result, some of his routine Borough duties are neglected. This in my opinion should not be so.

SECTION F.
PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

At the beginning of the year there was a moderated epodemic

of measles and during May and June a slight outbreak of Diphtheria.

Diphtheria Immunisation has been carried out on all children the parents of whom have been willing to allow it to be done. The percentage of children over five but under fifteen who had received a complete course of immunisation on September 30th was 63 and of those under five 30%. The advisability of children under five being immunised is not sufficiently appreciated by parents. All babies when they reach the age of one year should be immunised.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1941.

Disease.	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	8.	nil. 1	nil.
Whooping Cough.	14.	nil.	nil.
Diphtheria.	11.	4. 8	1.
Measles.	18.	nil.	nil.
Pneumonia.	14.	nil.	1.
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1.	nil.	nil.

TUBERCULOSIS.

There were two new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis notified during the year, both males aged 42 and 64 respectively and one case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis notified a female aged 16.

The number of cases remaining on the Register at the end of the Year was, pulmonary, 5 males: non-pulmonary, 1 female.

Presented to the
Council.
6th October 1942.

(Signed) FREDK. H. RUDGE.

Medical Officer of Health.

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